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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A.
Chapman, V.D.

LEAVE.
Sapper E. Maude is granted leave of
absence from the Corps from 10th June
1916 to 16th March 1917.
Pte. C. C. Boyd is granted leave of
absence from the Corps from 29th May
1916 to 29th May 1917.

Pte. R. N. Anderson is granted leave of
absence from the Corps from 1. 6. 16
for the duration of the war.
ARTILLERY BATTERY.
The undermentioned will parade at
Headquarters at 1 p.m. on Saturday 3rd
instant for escort duty. Sgt. Frith,
Bomb. Buxford, Gnr. Houth, Gnr. Beck
and Gnr. Gerard.

Pte. Tappan, Signalling Section, will
attend defaulters parade at 5.30 p.m. on
Friday 2nd instant in marching order.

PARADES.

Parades for Friday and instant at
5.30 p.m.:—
Defaulters drill at Headquarters under
Co. Sgt. Major Welch.
Regimental Right Section M.G. Co.
Squad drill at Headquarters.
Artillery Battery gun drill at Gun
Club Hill. Sgt. Bradley will attend.
H.K. members fall in 5 p.m. Star Ferry
Wharf H.K.

On duty to-night 1st June: No. 2
Section Art. Btry.
Next for duty: H.K.V.R.
Orderly Officer to-night: Lieut.
Murphy.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PATROL DUTY.
Patrolmen on First and Second Shift
duty are warned that they are forbidden
to leave their Sections or other districts
ordered to be patrolled until either (a)
relieved or (b) 9.10 p.m. or 12.10 a.m.
During the hours of their duty they
are prohibited from entering upon any
private premises, hotel, place of enter-
tainment, etc. except in the execution of
police duty.

EQUIPMENT BOARD.
Monday, June 6th.—No. 11 Section.
Tuesday, June 6th.—No. 12 Section.
Wednesday, June 7th.—No. 13 Section.
Thursday, June 8th.—No. 14 Section.
Friday, June 9th.—No. 8 Section.

PARADES (NO).
Central Station, 2.30 p.m.
Sections 13 and 14 and recruits of
No. 4 Company will parade under Chief
Inspector Mason on Monday and Friday,
June 6th. and 9th.
Recruits of No. 3 Platoon will parade
under Staff Inspector Clarke on Tuesday
and Thursday, June 6th and 8th.

UNIFORM.
During wet weather, patrolmen are
permitted to wear their Blue winter
trousers with white jackets.

ROUTE MARCH.
The Route March ordered for Friday,
June 2nd, is cancelled.
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10 P.M. "FATSHAN" 6 P.M. "KINSHAN"

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 6th day of June to SATURDAY, 10th June, 1916, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, May 31, 1916.

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Hongkong, May 31, 1916.

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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Tiger and Leopard Skin Rugs etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, June 3.—
King George's Birthday (1865).
Holiday.
5.30 p.m.—Parade of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides on Murray Barracks Parade Ground.

SUNDAY, June 4.—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Taishan".

MONDAY, June 5.—
Dragon Boat Festival.
TUESDAY, June 6.—
11 a.m.—Auction of the P. & O. Lighter "Malabo" at the Breakwater, Yau-ma-tei.

WEDNESDAY, June 7.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

THURSDAY, June 8.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

FRIDAY, June 9.—
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Bank Holiday.

SATURDAY, June 10.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

SUNDAY, June 11.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

MONDAY, June 12.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

TUESDAY, June 13.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

WEDNESDAY, June 14.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

THURSDAY, June 15.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

FRIDAY, June 16.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

SATURDAY, June 17.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

SUNDAY, June 18.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

MONDAY, June 19.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

TUESDAY, June 20.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

WEDNESDAY, June 21.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

THURSDAY, June 22.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

FRIDAY, June 23.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

SATURDAY, June 24.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

SUNDAY, June 25.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

BIRTH.

OTTENWILL.—On April 10, 1916, at Hillsboro, Ohio, U.S.A., to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. OTTENWILL, a daughter, Elizabeth Quinn.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1916.

THE FUTURE OF THE DARDANELLES.

THE recent statement by M. Sazonoff, the Russian Foreign Minister, communicated by the Times correspondent, and of which, Reuters telegraphed a summary a few days ago, was a noteworthy utterance, but something more is needed to enable the public to appreciate its significance than Mr. Sazonoff's announcement of "a complete Anglo-Russian Agreement, in regard to Eastern affairs." M. Sazonoff declared that this announcement heralded the dawn of a new day in world politics and world diplomacy, and that "the absolute accord between Russia and Great Britain meant that the alliance formed against a common enemy would become an alliance for all time, based on community of interests and in true Anglo-Russian friendship. Thus the peace of the world was assured to our children and our children's children." It is clear enough from the very exuberance of the gratitude that an understanding of momentous importance to Russia has been arrived at between the two Powers. Some light was thrown on the nature of the agreement—or at least on "one feature of vital importance to Russia"—by M. MILUKOFF, the Liberal leader in the Duma, in the course of a recent speech. It is said of M. MILUKOFF that "his intimate relations with the Foreign Ministry is as open secret to all versed in Russian politics, and therefore his speeches on foreign policy are always listened to with the greatest attention." After dwelling on the big principles for which the war is being fought, and declaring that the war cannot be stopped until Belgium, Serbia, Poland and Armenia have been fully compensated for everything they have suffered, M. MILUKOFF turned from the large perspectives concerning the whole world to Russia's own historical problems which the war has thrown once more into prominence. "Our Russian interest in this war," he said, "can be defined very briefly. We need an outlet to a free sea. We did not begin the war for this; but without it we shall not end it." This declaration, the report says, evoked loud and prolonged cheers from all benches. M. MILUKOFF went on to say: "The annexation of the Dardanelles is in no way an attempt to enlarge the Russian frontiers. Russia is big enough, and has no need for new territories; but her complete development without an outlet to a free sea cannot possibly be realised. In our time, when the old idea of Continentalism is dead, when international relations demanding a sea-way have become the order of the day, the State without such communications is an organism without the necessary organs." This, then, is an outstanding feature of the Anglo-Russian Agreement—an eventual Russian annexation of the

Dardanelles. M. MILUKOFF went on to speak of the German idea of "Berlin-to-Baghdad," and declared that the question now is not whether the Straits will become Russian or remain Turkish; the question is whether they will become Russian or remain German, and he went on to say:

"Berlin-Baghdad is too real a danger, not only for us, but for Great Britain, with India and Egypt; and for France, with her prospects in Syria. On the basis of this real danger, an agreement has become possible between Powers which for centuries were suspicious of each other."

The end of March (O.S.) and the beginning of April (N.S.) in 1915, is a date which is well worthy of remembrance by large masses of the Russian people. This is the date when a definite agreement was reached between us and our Allies. (Prolonged cheers.) The dangers of the political and economic subjugation of Turkey, involved in the German idea of Berlin-Baghdad, are obvious to the British public, who have on their side as good cause to rejoice over the Anglo-Russian understanding as have the people of Russia. But for the great military operations undertaken by Russia in Asiatic Turkey our interests in India and Egypt would be in far greater jeopardy from the German menace than they happily are to-day, and we look forward to a speedy development of the Anglo-Russian operations from Mesopotamia to the Black Sea that will bring Turkey to her knees and put an end for ever to the German dream of domination from Berlin to Baghdad and beyond.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day is given in the Observatory report as 4.32 inches. It has rained steadily ever since up to the time of going to press.

A Chinese woman, who had been brought down from the country and was living in the Wai Yuen Fong, committed suicide by hanging during her husband's absence.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Lowe, Bingham and Matthews \$50.

The body of a watchman employed at the Taikoo Dock has been recovered from the harbour. It is believed that he was accidentally drowned on May 29th while on patrol.

A steamer passenger on board the S.S. "Hong Wan I," reports to the police that while on the voyage from Singapore some person stole from a small handbag jewellery to the value of \$4,440.

Owing to Saturday next being a holiday (in honour of the King's birthday), we are informed that several Boy Scouts will be "selling flags at the commercial houses, etc. on Friday. The Boy Scouts are making in connection with the King's birthday, a special effort on behalf of the Belgian Children's Relief Fund and the Blind Soldiers' Relief Fund. On Saturday there will be displays by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides on Murray Barracks' Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. E. Lester Arnold has been appointed local Manager in Hongkong of the Commercial Union Assurance Co. in place of Mr. P. Tester, who has resigned.

Sir Francis Pigott, formerly Chief Justice of Hongkong, was to lecture on the 10th ult. to the Royal Society of Arts on "Neutral Merchants and the Rights of War."

Sir Walter Hillier, K.C.M.G., when the last mail left England was reported to be suffering from a general breakdown, brought on by hard work at the Red Cross Office.

It is announced that Mr. W. A. Dowling has resigned his position as General Manager of the Yau-mun Oil Company's business in Hongkong, and adjoining territory, and that Mr. J. H. Cowling has assumed charge as General Manager.

THE KING'S UNIFORM.

CHARGE AT THE MAGISTRACY.

A NAVAL RESERVE LIEUTENANT PROSECUTED.

An important charge of wearing the King's uniform without authority and in such a manner as to bring the uniform into contempt was heard by Mr. G. N. Orme at the Magistracy this morning. The defendant was Allan Cameron, described as unemployed, and he pleaded guilty to being in uniform, adding that he was discharged from his Majesty's force in November at the Dardanelles, where his ship was sunk.

Mr. Orme: Do you admit you were wearing uniform in a manner to bring contempt upon it?

Defendant: That I do not agree to.

Mr. Orme: Perhaps you don't know whether you were or not?

Acting Detective-Sergeant Cockle said he apprehended defendant at 11.30 p.m. last night when he was coming out of No. 44, Lyndhurst Terrace. The defendant was wearing the uniform of his Majesty's King and had shoulder badges of Second Lieutenant. Witness spoke to him and told him he would have to go back to the Central Police Station. The Police had had instructions from the Naval Authorities that defendant was not a person entitled to wear the uniform. Defendant asked to be allowed to go to the Peak Hotel so that he might change his uniform. Witness informed him that this was more than he had power to allow, and took him to the station. At that time defendant was under the influence of drink.

The detective added that if there was any doubt about the point of wearing uniform without authority the Commander of H.M.S. "Tamar" said he would give evidence.

Defendant said he certainly considered he had every right to wear uniform. He was on the retired list and he had not yet received his discharge.

Mr. Orme said he was apparently under the influence of drink last night.

Defendant said that when he came out of No. 44 he was not under the influence of liquor, neither was the gentleman who was with him.

Detective Cockle said he could call evidence if it were necessary.

Defendant said he was liable to be called up at any moment.

Mr. Orme: So you I, but I don't think that affects the question.

Defendant said he had done one year's service—six months in France and six months in the Dardanelles.

Mr. Orme: The question is if you are a person entitled to wear the uniform. What are you doing now?

Defendant: I am serving in the mercantile marine.

Mr. Orme: That is another branch of His Majesty's service.

Defendant went on to say he had been in the Naval Reserve since 1897, nearly twenty years, and he had always been allowed to wear the uniform at any time. He was in uniform at home and it was not questioned.

Detective Cockle told his Worship that defendant had been out of employment for some time.

Defendant: I don't think that has anything to do with the matter. He added he was chief officer on board a ship and at present he was engaged in the sale of ships.

Mr. Orme: It is quite clear you are not a person serving in His Majesty's Forces; if you are not you must be very careful.

Defendant: It is quite a mistake on my part. I have always been under the apprehension that I had a right to wear the uniform. I have worn it for nearly twenty years and this is the first time I have been checked.

Mr. Orme: Do you think you were wearing it in a fit and proper place last night?

Defendant: I don't say it was quite the right thing to do, but I have been there before with other naval officers.

Mr. Orme: And you think you are still entitled to wear the uniform?

Defendant replied he had not got his discharge.

Detective Cockle asked for an adjournment to allow of the attendance of the Commander of H.M.S. "Tamar."

The hearing was fixed for to-morrow at noon, bail being allowed in the sum of \$100.

Defendant asked if he could have a change, and Mr. Orme, said he thought defendant should be allowed to get into his ordinary clothes.

THE LATE MR. E. A. HEWETT'S ESTATE.

The following extract is from a London paper:

COMPANY MEETING.

THE STAR FERRY CO., LTD.

The 18th ordinary annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd. was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. this morning. The Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, C.M.G., presided and the other director present was the Hon. Mr. E. Shilling. Others present were:—Mr. P. R. Wolff, (acting secretary), Messrs. G. C. Moxon, A. A. Fife, A. E. Crappell, R. L. Atkinson, J. Hyde, T. W. Robertson, J. Hooper.

THE CHAIRMAN said:—The net earnings of our boats for the year under review, \$88,942.58, while comparing favourably with the figures for the previous year are not quite so good as for the year 1913/14, that is to say for times before the war. During the earlier months of the year traffic in all classes showed a serious falling off to counteract the effect of which it became necessary to revise the scale of some of our fares, and consequently the scale for punch-tickets and 3rd class fares was raised, a step which has had satisfactory results, although the income over 1914/15 is not entirely due thereto but is largely assisted by the increase in Railway fares received from the Government since February 1915. You will no doubt recollect that at our last Annual Meeting reference was made to correspondence passing between ourselves and the Government on the subject of Railway passengers.

I am pleased to say this matter has now been settled and we are receiving a more adequate return for such passengers. No doubt when the linking up of the Kowloon-Canton Railway with lines from the north becomes an accomplished fact, we may confidently look for a considerable increase in railway passenger traffic and its consequent increase in our revenue. The disturbances in Canton have not as yet been expected, materially affected our revenue. At the commencement there was a momentary influx of passengers by rail, but this was not maintained for any length of time and traffic has now resumed its normal proportion. In accordance with suggestions from the Government, structural alterations are now being carried out on our wharf on this side of the Harbour which when completed will afford better accommodation to the Railway Company for their Booking Offices, and at Kowloon the shelter is being extended to the Colonnade of the New Station.

To meet the convenience of the travelling public, we are altering the lights on our Ferry boats and have arranged with a local firm to install "Aga" lights on all our boats. The "Northern Star" has been fitted with these lights for the past six months and they have proved satisfactory. The necessary lights for the other boats are due here very shortly.

Our loss on subsidiary boats is \$7,190.41 as against \$9,422.48 last year. Discount thereon has since considerably decreased and it is to be hoped may ere long stand at par.

Expenses generally for stores and repairs have increased but the rise in coal has not greatly affected us as we have a favourable contract still running.

Prospects for the future may, I think, be considered good, as first class passenger receipts are improving, more steamers are utilising the Kowloon wharves, and when the new large wharf is completed, it is probable that the ferry will become more generally used by 1st class passengers arriving. Revenue from tourists cannot, I fear, be looked for in any appreciable degree so long as this war lasts, we can only trust that before our next Annual Meeting it may have been brought to a triumphant termination by Great Britain and her noble allies.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and after this has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to reply to any questions shareholders may wish to put.

There being no questions Mr. A. E. CRAPPALL seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. ROBERTSON proposed that the retiring director, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, be re-elected.

Mr. HOOPER seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Mr. CRAPPALL proposed and Mr. HYDE seconded the re-appointment of Mr. F. Mathland as auditor at a remuneration of \$300.

The resolution was carried.

The CHAIRMAN announced that dividend warrants could be had on application.

WOMEN'S WAR WORK IN HONGKONG.

The Union Church Ladies' Working Party this week dispatched four large parcels of skirts, socks, caps and other comforts to the Rev. W. W. Beveridge for distribution amongst the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders at the front.

The following is part of a letter received from Miss Miller:—

Highland Casualty Clearing Station, France.

The Union Church's interesting and most useful parcels have safely arrived at last. Please thank all concerned for their share in the good work. The socks are such a great comfort. The officers were more than glad to get them, and the helmets and caps are so useful for lying down cases. The rest of the things have gone to the camp and are much appreciated by the men. The quilt was greatly needed and is in daily use. The weather has been and is still very severe, so winter comforts are in great demand. It is most kind of the people abroad to help us and we are sure it would please them if they knew what comfort they gave the men. I have asked some of the men to write and they have promised to do so, but I am sorry to say they often forget and don't perform.

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COURT INTERPRETER RETIRES.

HANDSOME GIFTS IN APPRECIATION OF GOOD WORK.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Second Interpreter at the Supreme Court, who is leaving the service to act as secretary to a newly formed Chinese Company, was yesterday presented with several handsome gifts by his colleagues as a mark of respect and esteem. The gifts consisted of a silver tea service, silver tea tray, silver sweet basket, pair of silver sweet dishes, and an illuminated address, with the names of subscribers on a handsome silk scroll beautifully painted and embroidered and there were also gold pendants for Mrs. and Miss Wong.

Mr. N. G. Nolan, the Chief Interpreter, made the presentation on behalf of the numerous subscribers, and in doing so spoke of the high esteem in which Mr. Wong was held by his many friends. Mr. Nolan said that during 26 years' experience in the service he had never seen a more industrious and painstaking worker. His rapid promotion to the post of Second Interpreter to the Courts of Justice—one of the highest positions open to Chinese in the service—and his subsequent appointment for 18 months as Chief Interpreter, went to show how the Government appreciated and rewarded him for his honesty and integrity. During his 18 years' service he had not only mastered all the various Cantonese dialects, but had also passed and obtained certificates in Hoklo and Hakka, and had taken up Fookien, Mandarin and Chuchow. "Your feelings of loyalty as a British subject and your to form a Chinese Volunteer Corps, to assist in the protection of this Colony against our enemy at the outbreak of war," said Mr. Nolan. "Your suggestion was submitted by you, with the signatures of other loyal Chinese, to the Government, who, in reply, suggested the formation of a Chinese Police Reserve instead. With the assistance of a number of other gentlemen you were successful in forming the excellent Chinese sections of the Special Police Reserve, which the popular and energetic D.S.P. (Mr. P. C. Jenkin) has brought to such a high standard of efficiency. Besides being the promoter of the Chinese Police Reserve you have also approached certain Chinese gentlemen in Hongkong, who supplied complete outfits of uniform to the different sections when they were first organised. Your rapid promotion likewise in the Police Reserve from constable to the various ranks of Inspector shows your ambition and determination to advance in life." Mr. Nolan hoped that the ever-growing inclination of those outside the service to capture all the good men would somewhat abate after Mr. Wong's departure, as the service can ill afford to lose such excellent men as Mr. Wong Kwong Tin (the former Translator) and Mr. Wong Kin Wo (clerk and interpreter to the Registrar). In asking him to accept the gifts, he wished Mr. Wong and his family every success and prosperity in the future (Applause).

Mr. Wong said he was at a loss to find words to thank them for the excellent gifts. He had always tried to give satisfaction to everybody in the discharge of his duties and he felt proud that his efforts had been so well appreciated. He was sorry to leave the service after 18 years. He would cherish the gifts for the rest of his life in remembrance of his excellent friends.

THE NEXT GYMKHANA.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

The next Gymkhana, the third of the Season, has been fixed to take place on Saturday, July 8th. The provisional programme is as follows:—

1.—Three-quarter Mile Handicap for ponies that have run and not won.

2.—Gymkhana Stakes. One mile.

3.—Polo Club Event.

4.—Once Round Handicap for all ponies.

5.—Half Mile Distance Handicap.

6.—Ladies' Nomination. Musical Chairs.

7.—One-and-a-quarter Mile Handicap.

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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

VERDUN.

GERMANS CONCENTRATING FOR ANOTHER SUPREME EFFORT.

LONDON, May 31.

The Rotterdam correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says the Germans are concentrating forces for another supreme effort at Verdun on a scale unparalleled since the beginning of the battle. The Russian front is being deemed to the last possible man, and it is reported that the latest reinforcements include thousands of Austrians.

The following note on the sectors where fighting is fiercest indicates the value attaching to the positions: Hill 204 is about 2,500 yards west of Mort Homme, a "Dead Man" hill which is regarded as the main position north of Charny Ridge. The capture of Charny Ridge would practically ensure the enemy's advance on Verdun. Hill 204 is a sharp, steep hill, the capture of which would go a long way to render Mort Homme untenable and behind these positions there is no really good defensive ground until the main position on Charny Ridge is reached, four miles farther south. Hill 204 is very steep upon every side except the west, jutting out like a sort of peninsula boldly from the plateau. The Germans have thus given most of their attention to the eastern contours of the western side. But the enemy's efforts have by no means been confined to that side of the position and they have also attacked repeatedly between the hill and the "Dead Man" hill position.

THE CONQUEST OF THE CAMEROONS.

LONDON, May 31.

The conquest of the Cameroons, 500,000 square miles in extent, defended by well-trained natives plentifully supplied with machine guns, was no light task.

This sums up Major-General Doherty's dispatches on the subject which are issued to-day.

The difficulties were increased by incessant tropical rains, the absence of roads, and dense forests.

The co-operation between the British and French was perfect, and General Doherty eulogises the work of the Naval men and the West Africans.

The Allied Force was 9,700 British and French, including Indians.

THE IRISH COMMISSION.

LETTER FROM FIELD-MARSHAL VISCOUNT FRENCH.

LONDON, May 31.

At the sitting of the Irish Commission to-day a letter was read from Field-Marshal Viscount French stating that early in February Mr. Birrell was of the opinion that a popular outbreak was not to be feared, but he rather feared that there would be dynamite outrages. The Commission adjourned indefinitely.

IRISH NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, May 31.

The *Glasgow Herald* says a settlement has been reached on the basis of a Parliament for Nationalist Ireland with Ulster, or the greater part of it, excluded.

MR. ROOSEVELT AND THE "HYPHENATEDS."

OPEN KNIFE THROWN AT THE EX-PRESIDENT.

New York, May 31.

In the Memorial Day parade in Kansas City an open knife was thrown at Mr. Theodore Roosevelt. It struck the motor-car.

Mr. Roosevelt afterwards delivered a speech advocating universal military service and denouncing the "hyphenateds."

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM.

A TOUCH of rheumatism or a twinge of neuralgia, whatever the trouble is, Chamberlain's Pain Balm drives away the pain at once and cures the complaint quickly. First application gives relief. When a bottle of it is kept in the house the pain of burns and scalds may be promptly relieved, cuts and bruises quickly healed and swellings promptly reduced. In fact, for the household use it is the most "cure-all" ever known. It should be provided with. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE MESOPOTAMIA DOSSIER.

SEVERE CRITICISM BY "THE TIMES."

LONDON, May 31.

The *Times* severely criticises the Government's Mesopotamia dossier, particularly for its omissions.

It trusts that General Sir John Nixon will explain why he never transmitted General Townshend's views, and why he decided to disregard them.

The *Times*, also, says, a serious responsibility attaches to General Sir Benjamin Durr, the Commander-in-Chief in India, who though he might not have been acquainted with General Townshend's objections, knew the precise strength of his forces, and ought to have been aware of the risks involved.

It demands the truth regarding the repulse of Major-General Aylmer at Esimeh on March 8th, when, the *Times* declares, Kut could easily have been relieved but for unpardonable mistakes.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE VERDUN STRUGGLE.

TERRIBLE NEW GERMAN ASSAULT.

PARIS, May 30.

A terrible new German assault at Verdun marked the 101st day of the battle.

Today's *communiqués* say: The bombardment continued in violence west of the Meuse, and was especially severe at dusk between Douaumont and Camiers. Then the enemy delivered a very strong attack on all the positions in this sector, a fresh Division, newly-arrived, being engaged. All the assaults against the eastern slopes of Douaumont, where our positions were established, were defeated by our fire.

Further eastward, in the region of Cimetieres Wood, after fruitless attempts by the Germans, who suffered heavy losses, we were obliged to withdraw our advanced elements to south of the Bethincourt-Camiers Road. The enemy, however, despite repeated efforts, was unable to dislodge us from the southern outskirts of Camiers.

The bombardment continued intensely at night.

The only incident east of the Meuse was heavy artillery fighting westward of Fort de Douaumont.

NO FURTHER INFANTRY ACTION.

PARIS, May 31.

The evening *communiqué* says: There was a most violent bombardment in the Mort Homme—Camiers region, and moderate artillery activity on the right of the Meuse and in Woeyre. There was nothing elsewhere.

A QUIETER DAY ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, May 31.

General Sir Douglas Haig in a *communiqué* says:—Enemy air-craft yesterday were more active than usual. One of our machines was shot down in a combat in the air, and fell in our lines. The hostile machine was forced down out of control into the enemy's lines.

We exploded a mine in the night south-east of Camiers. Two German mines, exploded at Souchez and Neuville, failed to appreciably damage our trenches.

Today was quieter than usual. There was no infantry action, and little artillery activity.

RENEWAL OF AUSTRIAN EFFORTS.

ITALIANS MAINTAIN UPPER HAND.

LONDON, May 30.

A *communiqué* says:—The situation is generally unchanged along the whole front, except in the Posina zone, in Upper Astico, where we had yesterday a foretaste of a renewal of the enemy offensive. Southward of Posina the enemy, after intense artillery preparation, attacked in the direction of Soglid Campiglio and Monte Prigiora. After a desperate struggle we retained our positions.

On the northern slope of Monte San Michele we exploded a powerful mine, wrecking a long stretch of the enemy's trenches.

SOMETHING DEPENDABLE.

DIARRHOEA is always more or less prevalent during this weather. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effective. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

GREEKS AROUSED BY BULGAR INVASION.

REPORTED SERIOUS TROUBLE IN ATHENS.

LONDON, May 30.

The censorship is very strict at Athens, where serious disturbances are said to have occurred. The little news that is allowed to pass indicates the strength of feeling aroused by the Bulgarian invasion. Macedonian deputies are urging that Parliament should meet this week to discuss the matter.

BRISKER FIGHTING ON RUSSIAN FRONT.

PETROGRAD, May 31.

A *communiqué* says that minor fighting has been on a rather brisk scale along the greater part of the front.

There is no change in the Caucasus.

EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

BRITISH OCCUPY NEU LANGENBERG.

LONDON, May 30.

It is officially announced that Brigadier-General Northey compelled the enemy to evacuate Neu Langenberg, and afterwards occupied the place, capturing large quantities of ammunition, food, and stores of all kinds.

The enemy garrison at Namena, 23 miles north-east of Abercorn, is invested.

KAISER RETURNS TO THE FRONT.

AMSTERDAM, May 30.

The Kaiser has returned to the front.

COTTON WORKERS' DISPUTE.

LONDON, May 30.

The Lancashire Cottoners and Weavers have now also refused the employers' offer.

THE FOOD SITUATION IN GERMANY.

A LONG CONFERENCE.

AMSTERDAM, May 30.

The Imperial Chancellor (Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg) had a long conference with the King of Bavaria at Munich.

THE IRISH NEGOTIATIONS.

PROGRESSING WITH UNEXPECTED SPEED.

LONDON, May 31.

It is understood that the Irish negotiations are progressing with unexpected speed. There were conferences between the Nationalist and Ulster leaders yesterday, and the feeling in the evening was most hopeful.

Mr. Lloyd George will probably make a statement in the nature of an interim report to-morrow.

The *Times* says that hope, almost amounting to confidence, has risen to a surprising degree during the past few hours. Both sides are manifesting a hearty good will and a sincere desire for a settlement.

A group of federal Home Rulers, including Scottish and Welsh Members of the House of Commons, in anticipation of a settlement, conferred in the House of Commons yesterday.

MARTIAL LAW A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

LONDON, May 31.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that martial law was being continued in Ireland as a precautionary measure. He hoped its disappearance would be speedy and complete. It would only be used in cases of urgent necessity.

ANOTHER LIFE SENTENCE.

LONDON, May 31.

John McNeill, President of the Irish volunteers, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

MR. RUNCIMAN ILL.

LONDON, May 31.

The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. W. Runciman) has been ordered a complete rest, owing to overwork. It is feared that he will be absent from his duties for six weeks, and will be unable to attend the Economic Conference at Paris, which is fixed for the 14th June.

Mr. L. Harcourt is temporarily in charge of the Board of Trade.

THE KING AT SOUTHAMPTON.

LONDON, May 30.

His Majesty the King visited Southampton Docks and inspected the arrangements made for the embarkation and embarking of troops.

His Majesty boarded the hospital ship *Asinius* and chatted with the wounded.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE'S MAGNIFICENT FEAT.

ENTERS TRIFLE AND SINKS LARGE TRANSPORT.

ROME, May 30.

An Italian submarine has performed the magnificent feat of entering Trieste and sinking a large transport.

BRITISH POST-WAR TRADE POLICY.

INDIA AND PREFERENTIAL TRADING.

LONDON, May 30.

In the House of Commons Mr. Norton-Griffiths asked whether the Imperial Government intended to take any action before the termination of the war with a view to the adoption of a preferential trading policy with India in favour of the United Kingdom, the Dominions, and our Allies.

Mr. Asquith—All aspects of our trade policy after the war are being investigated by the Government and will be discussed at the Economic Conference. I cannot anticipate the results of these discussions and investigations by making a statement on one aspect of it.

Colonel Yates—Will India be represented at the Conference?

Mr. Asquith—No.

TRANSFER OF SERBIAN ARMY COMPLETED.

PARIS, May 31.

The French Admiralty announces that the transfer of the Serbian Army from Corfu to Salonika has now been completed.

THE MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, May 30.

In the House of Commons Mr. A. Chamberlain said he was unable to give a date for the submission of the Report of the Commission of Enquiry into the break down of the medical arrangements in Mesopotamia. He was entirely opposed to the suggestion of an interim report.

BRITISH STEAMERS TORPEDOED.

LONDON, May 30.

The British steamer *Trunkly* was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The crew were landed at Algiers.

The British steamer *Southgate* has also been sunk. Twenty-two were saved.

SECRET AMERICAN DEAL.

REPORTED LOAN OF \$20,000,000 (GOLD).

The "Peking Gazette" of the 24th inst. gives the following:—

The report published in the "Gazette" yesterday regarding certain loan negotiations now in train between the Communications clique and a band of financiers from America has attracted considerable attention in Chinese and foreign circles. Inquiries have elicited the information that the negotiations referred to in our report have been transferred to a house in Tsingpu胡同. Two American syndicates are said to be interested in the negotiations—one a New York group represented by a person, with a name reminiscent of a notorious figure in Irish history thirty years ago, and the other a San Francisco group represented by an American whose name occurs in a familiar quotation from Shakespeare.

The amount is said to be \$20,000,000 (gold) or some such figure, and the present subject of nightly discussion is understood to be the interest and commissions demanded by the Americans, which are described by a Chinese official—with some experience of loan negotiations in the good old days—as "extraordinary."

We have to observe that if this report proves to be an accurate statement of facts, grave anti-American developments in Shanghai and elsewhere in the South are inevitable, the responsibility for which will lie on those who have either taken an active part in a dangerous transaction or failed to inform Washington of the dangers of a policy which, in a negative form, has beamed on Mexico five years of disorder, strife and murder.

A monument to Admiral Count von Spee, commander of the German cruiser squadron sunk by Admiral Sturdee at the Falkland Islands, was unveiled at Kiel on April 15. The Kaiser telegraphed to Countess von Spee that "the gallant husband and heroic sons whom you have lost belong to history."

I understand, writes "A Man of Kent" in the "British Weekly," that the successor to Sir Henry Lucy, as "Toby M.P." of "Punch," is Mr. Algernon Locker, the able London correspondent of the "Irish Times." Mr. Locker, who has had much experience as a journalist, is the son of Mr. Arthur Locker, the first editor of the "Graphic."

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CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, May 31.

With the declaration of independence by the Province of Hunan there are now eight provinces in revolt, while Shantung is practically in rebel hands.

Foreigners are generally of opinion that the forced abdication of Yuan Shih Kai is the only solution of the deadlock.

THE REPORTED POISONING OF THE PRESIDENT.

PEKING, May 31.

The report of the poisoning of Yuan Shih Kai is absolutely untrue.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

THE SUPPRESSION OF THE REBELLION.

PEKING, May 31.

The Government has informed the Legations that the rebellion will be suppressed in a few months more, instead of in six months as previously stated.

THE PRESIDENT.

PEKING, May 31.

A Japanese paper states that the report that Yuan Shih Kai is seriously ill is quite true.

RUMOUR CHANGED IN THE GOVERNMENT.

PEKING, May 31.

There is a persistent rumour that General Fung-Kek Chang, of Nan-king, has been summoned to Peking to succeed Tuan Chi-jui (the Premier). Should he disobey the order, the Government will use force.

THE PROVINCE OF SHANTUNG.

PEKING, May 31.

Tuan Chi Kwei has left Peking with a bodyguard of 1,500. Kan Wan Pung, the Governor of Shantung, is resigning.

BOMBS AT KIRIN.

PEKING, May 31.

While Chang Chao-lan, the General commanding at Kirin, was on his way from the railway station to his yamen, two bombs were thrown at him. He was not hurt, however. His assailant escaped.

To-day's Advertisements

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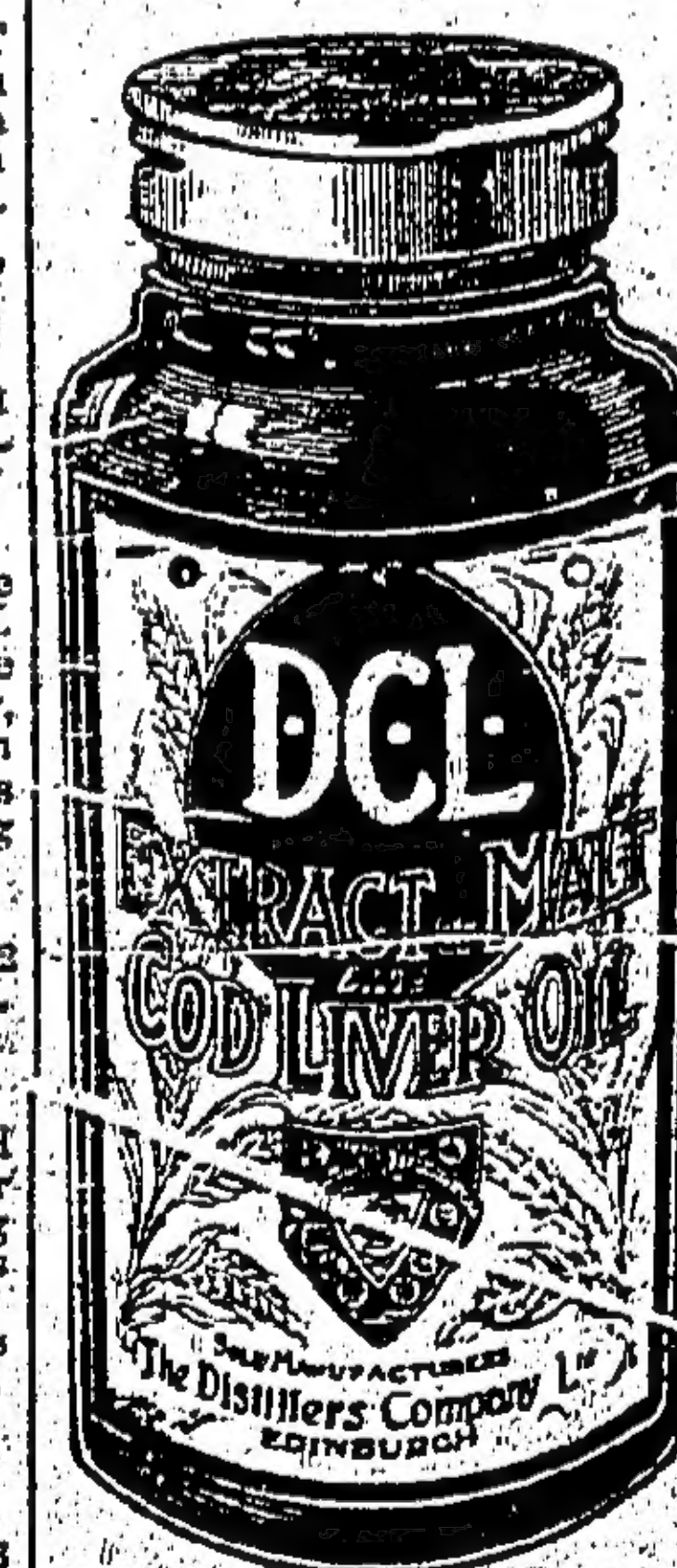
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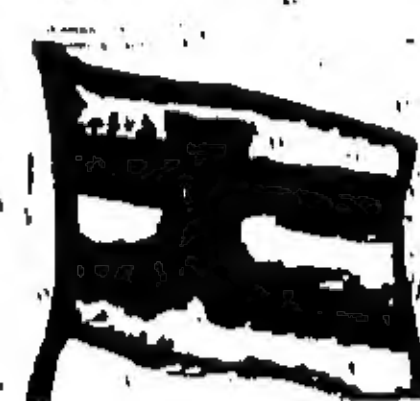
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SHANGHAI	SHANTUNG	June 4, Daylight.
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KOBÉ & MOJI	KUTSANG	WEDNESDAY, June 7, Daylight.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	THURSDAY, June 8, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	FOUSANG	FRIDAY, June 9, Daylight.
SANDAKAN	HINSANG	SATURDAY, June 10, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUMSANG	SATURDAY, June 10, at 3 p.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	SATURDAY, June 10, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE & PENANG	CHUNSANG	TUESDAY, June 13, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & MOJI	KAMSANG	WEDNESDAY, June 14, Daylight.
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